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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 July 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-45,47-67,69-113 and 118-167 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-45,47-67,69-113 and 118-167 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Application

Receipt of the Request for Continued Examination under Rule 1.114 and the Information Disclosure Statement, both filed 07/03/03 is acknowledged.

Claims 1-45, 47-67, 69-113 and 118-167 are pending. Claims 90, 163 and 165 have been amended. Claims 1-45, 47-67, 69-113 and 118-167 are rejected.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1-45, 47-67, 69-113 and 118-167 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable

over claims 1-188 of copending Application No. 09/685,577 in view of Iwano et al. (US Pat. No. 4, 952,245).

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the same subject matter has been claimed.

The instant claims (1-45, 47-67, 69-113 and 118-167) are drawn to a structured composition comprising at least one dyestuff, at least one continuous liquid fatty phase wherein the fatty phase is structured with at least one structuring polymer which has a weight-average molecular mass ranging up 30,000 and comprises a polymeric skeleton comprising at least one non-pendant hetero atom and at least one fatty chain, wherein the fatty chain comprises at least one hetero atom and said structured composition is in the form of a wax-free solid and wherein said at least one dyestuff, said at least one continuous liquid fatty phase and said at least one structuring polymer form a physiologically acceptable medium. Claims 1-188 of co-pending Application No. 09/685,577 are drawn to a similar invention.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the only distinction observed between the instant claims and co-pending application (09/685,577) is that the instant claims are directed to a structured composition comprising a non-pendant hetero atom and is pertained to a "dermatological composition", whereas co-pending application (09/685,577) comprises a hetero atom and includes the term "cosmetic".

The instant claims 1-45, 47-67, 69-113 and 118-167 are generic in relation to the species of the 09/685,577 co-pending application. Furthermore, the instantly claimed species embraced in the 09/685,577 application are embodied in the generic instant claims of the 09/618,066 application. The instant invention is broader in scope than the said co-pending application because the instant invention is generic, whereas specific species are mentioned in co-pending 09/685,577, making the claims narrower in scope. The species of the 09/685,577 application renders the generic 09/618,066 application unpatentable.

The term "structured cosmetic composition" used in 09/685,577 would not in any manner distinguish from the "dermatological composition" of 09/618,066 since it is the patentability of the composition *per se*, that must establish patentability.

The secondary reference (Iwano *et al.* US '245) is relied upon to show that it would be obvious to use the particular and conventional pigments and nacres as dyestuffs in cosmetic and dermatological formulations.

Information Disclosure Statement

The examiner confirms that the Information Disclosure filed on 10/18/02, which contained co-pending and related PCT applications, was indeed considered by the examiner but will not be cited as prior art.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Humera N. Sheikh whose telephone number is (703) 308-4429. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:00A.M. to 4:30P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page, can be reached on (703) 308-2927. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4556.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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